



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARATION
PERMIT MODIFICATION,
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE**

OPEN BURN/OPEN DETONATION UNITS

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) currently seeks public comment for the California Environmental Quality Act process. This process will evaluate the environmental effects of the Open Burn/Open Detonation Units. They are in the southeastern portion of Edwards Air Force Base, about seven miles east of the south gate in Kern County. Edwards Air Force Base has submitted an application for a Class Three Permit Modification. If accepted, DTSC will add the Edwards Open Burn/Open Detonation units to the Edwards Air Force Base Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. DTSC invites the public to a meeting to discuss the scope of the environmental impact report.

Scoping Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

7:00 PM

Linda Verde School
44924 Fifth Street East
Lancaster, CA 93535

For information on meeting room accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please call Nathan Schumacher (916) 255-3650 by November 17, 2003.

Edwards Air Force Base, located north of Lancaster, California, treats laboratory wastes that are explosive, fuses, warheads, cartridges, and bombs by open burning and open detonation at the units.

The purpose of this scoping meeting will be to: (1) describe the Open Burn and Open Detonation treatment unit, the Environmental Impact Report and the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit processes; and (2) identify environmental concerns that will be addressed in this Environmental Impact Report.

You may comment on any potential environmental impacts from the proposed Open Burn and Open Detonation activities. DTSC plans to address the following items in the Environmental Impact Report: air quality; biological resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; and noise.

You can also submit your written comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report. DTSC prefers that you send your written comments by close of business, December 13, 2003. Please direct your written comments to Ms. Beverly Rikala,

Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

The application for the Class Three Permit Modification and other documents relating to the preparation of the EIR are available for public review at:

Los Angeles County Public Library
Lancaster Branch
601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster California 93534
(661) 948-5029

Wanda Kirk Branch
Kern County Public Library
3611 Rosamond Blvd.
Rosamond CA 93560
(661) 256-3236

Twenty Mule Team Museum
26962 20 Mule Team Road
Boron CA 93516
(760) 762-5810

Air Force Flight Test Center Library
5 West Yeager Boulevard, Building 6225
Edwards Air Force Base, CA 93524
(661) 275-2665

The full administrative record of all documents related to the proposed facility is available for public review at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Point of Contact: Beverly Rikala
8800 Cal Center Drive
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For further information about this process and the proposed Open Burn/Open Detonation Units, please contact:

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NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding Edwards Air Force Base.